

A bill to repeal the first section of an act supplementary to an act regulating the sale of runaway slaves, approved January 27, 1844, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary offering a substitute therefor, was read; report adopted—bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution for the relief of the owner of a certain Austin city lot, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims; read, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, laid on the table.

Joint resolution for the relief of James M. Manning; read and passed to the third reading.

Joint resolution authorizing the procurement of a slab of native marble of the required dimensions to be placed in the national monument, being built in the city of Washington; read.

Mr. Latimer moved to amend by inserting after the word "therein" in 5th line the words "which, if practicable, shall be taken from the walls of the Alamo;" adopted.

The bill was then passed to the third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Bexar Manufacturing Company; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to revive and amend an act to locate permanently the seat of justice for the county of De Witt, approved March 9, 1848; read first time, and, on motion of Mr. Phillips, laid on the table.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Rio Grande City; read first time.

Mr. Portis, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Texana Academy, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY 9 o'clock, A. M., Dec. 17, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present: Messrs. Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The journals of Saturday were read and adopted.

Mr. Truit presented the petition of William G. Runnels; which

was referred, on motion of Mr. Trout, to the committee on Private Land Claims, together with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of sundry citizens of Houston county; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred, with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Gage presented the memorial and resolutions of the citizens of Rusk and surrounding counties, in relation to a division of the Supreme Court and an alteration in the Sixth Judicial District; read, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the Special committee to whom was referred a bill providing for the division of the Supreme Court, and that said committee be instructed to report by bill or otherwise, in relation to the Sixth Judicial District.

Mr. Moffett presented the petition of sundry citizens of Tyler county; which was referred to the committee on Indian Affairs, on motion of Mr. Moffett, without reading.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled the following bills, viz: A bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a head-right certificate to A. S. Cunningham; and a bill to amend the 55th section of the act to organize justices' courts, and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, approved March 20, 1848, and that said bills were presented to the Governor for his approval, on the 15th inst.

Mr. Robertson introduced a bill to restore land, bought in by the State for taxes thereon, to the former owners; read first time.

Mr. Robertson introduced a bill to repeal an act entitled an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a joint committee to consist of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives, be appointed to inform the Governor that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect will be inaugurated at the capitol, on Friday, the 21st inst., and to invite him to attend on the occasion and make such communications as he may deem proper; laid on the table one day.

Mr. Latimer introduced joint resolutions on the subject of slavery; read first time.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House

had passed a bill for the relief of the citizens of Jasper county, which originated in the Senate;

Also, a bill to amend an act to organize the District Courts, and to define their powers and jurisdiction, approved May 11, 1846;

And joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Peter Cruden, deceased; which were read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature among the several counties of this State, together with the substitute proposed by Mr. Wallace, was read.

Mr. Wallace moved to refer the bill and substitute to a Select committee of five; upon which reference the yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows:

Yea: Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, McRae, Parker, Robertson, Truit, Walker and Wallace—9.

Nay: Messrs. Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Van Derlip and Ward—11; lost.

Mr. Robertson moved to refer the bill and substitute to a Select committee of seven.

Mr. Latimer moved to lay them on the table; lost.

The question then recurred on Mr. Robertson's motion to refer to a Select committee of seven; carried.

A bill to fix the whole number of Senators at twenty-one, and to apportion them among the several districts herein established, according to the number of qualified electors; and to apportion fifty-two, the whole number of Representatives, among the several counties, according to the number of free white population in each; read, and, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the same Select committee of seven.

Messrs. Robertson, Pease, Latimer, Wallace, Gage, Van Derlip and Walker were appointed said committee.

The resolution requesting the Governor to furnish the Senate with all the information in his possession, relative to late Indian depredations, &c.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, the resolution was amended by striking out "Western" before "Texas" and by inserting after "Texas" the words "in what particular sections they were committed."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Joint resolution authorizing the procurement of a slab of native marble of the required dimensions to be placed in the national

monument, being built in the city of Washington; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution for the relief of James M. Manning; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution providing for the mutual surrender of persons therein mentioned by the Governments of the United States and Mexico; read third time and passed.

A bill to provide for holding an election for the permanent location of the seat of Government of the State; read, and, on motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas; read second time.

Mr. Truit offered a substitute for the same; read, and, on motion of Mr. Truit, bill and substitute referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to authorize the county court of Jasper county to have levied and collected a special county tax to be applied exclusively to the erection of a jail and court-house for said county; read first time.

A bill to incorporate the town of Rio Grande City; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the name of the committee on "Federal Relations" was changed to that of "State Affairs."

A bill to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Gandy-Iupo High School; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill for the relief of the citizens of Peters' colony; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Walker, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to amend the 24th section of an act regulating attachments, approved March 11, 1848, and to add to said act another section to be section 31, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary offering a substitute therefor, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Van Derlip, laid on the table for one day.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, on the petition of William B. Lewis and others, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of it, was read and adopted.

A bill to repeal an act to provide for closing the business of the late War and Marine Department, and to transfer the books, records and papers of the Adjutant General's office to the office of the Secretary of State; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, laid on the table.

A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a general staff and

organize the militia of this State ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wallace, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Ryals ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, laid upon the table.

A bill making an appropriation to defray the expenses incurred in publishing the proposed amendment to the constitution ; read and passed to the third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Texana Academy ; read and passed to the third reading.

Mr. Portis moved that the Senators be individually requested to attend in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at 3 o'clock, p. m., to hear the address of A. J. Yates, Esq., one of the delegates to the Memphis Convention, on the subject of the rail-road from the Mississippi river to the Pacific.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., December 18, 1849.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Senators present : Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

Prayer by the Chaplain. The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Portis, chairman of the committee on Education, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, December 14, 1849.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

A majority of the committee on Education, to whom was referred an act to incorporate the Nueces Manual Labor School, have had the same under-consideration, and have instructed me to report :

The subject of education, and its encouragement in the various methods proposed by the people of Texas, embraces the most interesting portion of our legislative duties. It would be a profitless consumption of time to discuss the importance of education —like the beneficence of God, its benefits and blessings are commensurate with the universe. The particular method proposed in the present bill is one which the committee think of the most